

# Certificates replace gas rations coupons

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Buying gas on base is easier with a new system that takes effect Feb. 15.

Customers no longer need to count out coupons for the gas they purchase. Instead, they show a certificate of eligibility and their military identification card to purchase gas on base. Unit orderly rooms will issue the certificates.

To ease the transition, officials plan a month of overlap between the old and new systems. Beginning Feb. 15, customers may present either an identification card and certificate of eligibility or the appropriate number of ration coupons to purchase gas. After March 15, however, AAFES gas stations will no longer accept the coupons.

"The (current) coupons reflect they are valid until (Jan. 15)," said C. E. Myers, the 3rd Air Force attorney who negotiated the new agreement with customs and excise. "We will administratively accept them through the middle of March."

"Although we no longer limit the amount of gasoline people get, we intend to strictly control who is able to get it," Myers said.

The certificates list the names and car-license numbers of people authorized to use them.

As with the current program,

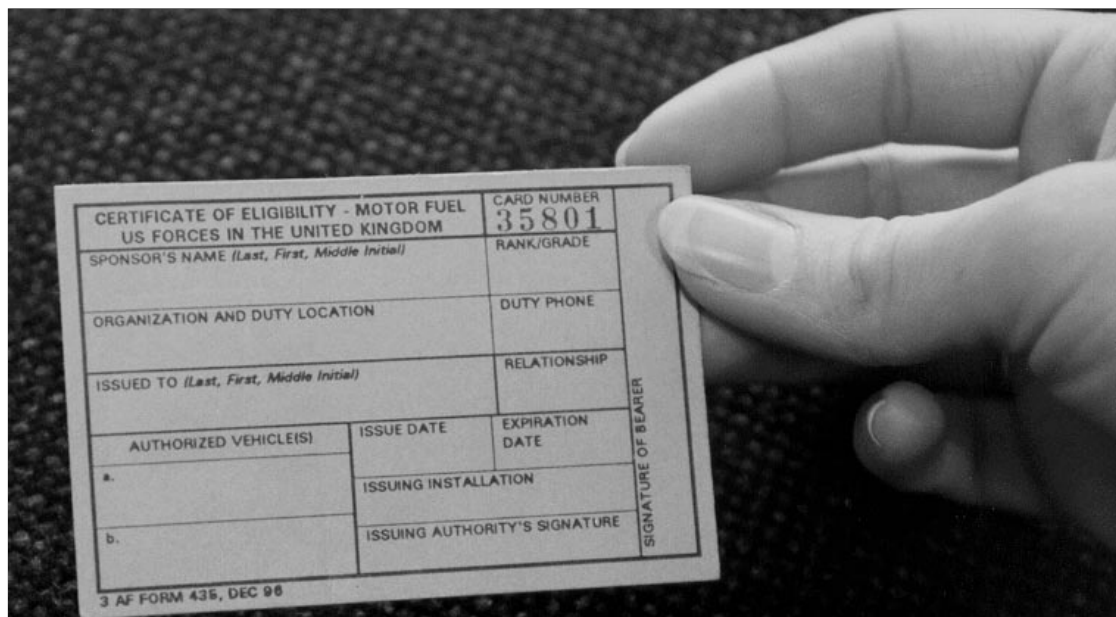


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**People can begin using the new ration cards Feb. 15.**

entitled people include: members of the U.S. armed forces; U.S. civilian employees of the U.S. military departments including non-appropriated-fund employees; and U.S. civilians accompanying and serving exclusively with U.S. armed forces. This means that while spouses are eligible for the certificates, other dependents are not.

Other people, such as U.S. military retirees, British staff, concessionaires and other non-U.S. employees are not eligible for the program.

Each base maintains a list of

all motor vehicles belonging to U.S. people registered at the base. The list includes the owner's name, license-plate number, make and model of each vehicle and the expiration date of road tax and insurance. Orderly rooms note whether the driver and vehicle are appropriately licensed, insured and current with British road-tax requirements. No applications for certificates will be approved for people or vehicles not on the list.

The certificates allow people to purchase gasoline and diesel fuel from AAFES service stations only. People can also use the cer-

tificates to buy Navy prepaid gas coupons for use in specified locations. Patrons need to show their military identification cards and certificates when they buy the coupons.

Fuel can't be dispensed into unregistered vehicle or other containers, except for a small gas can for use in emergencies. The cans must be two-and-a-half gallons or smaller. People must turn in their certificates when they go to a new assignment, sell or otherwise dispose of their vehicle, or when other conditions under which the certificate was issued no longer apply.

## Jason Project Eight

Sarah Eversman and Jack Parkinson, fifth-graders at Feltwell elementary school, work on an upcoming Jason Project. Students from RAF Lakenheath and local British schools will participate in Jason Project, a virtual science exhibition from the center of the earth, April 28 - May 9 compliments of the Department of Defence Dependant Schools U.K. district office. Using advanced "you are there" telecommunication technologies via the internet, local students will be transported inside volcanoes, boiling mud pots and geothermal pools with gushing geysers in the Yellowstone National Park. They will also help scientists working with glaciers in Iceland.

